

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In amended FIG. 9, shading lines have been added to curvations in #202. In amended FIGS. 1, 2, and 8-11, the shading has been corrected. In amended FIGS. 1 and 10, the structured line has been completed. In FIGS. 1-11 the character of lines, numbers and letters has been made so as not to be pale/rough. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 for the reasons set forth in the Notice of Draftsperson's Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) attached to the Office Action. In response, Applicant has submitted amended drawings correcting these informalities. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

As stated above, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-6, drawn to a selector lever, classified in Class 74, subclass 523, for further prosecution and respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction for the following reasons.

It is believed that any search for the invention embodied in Group I would necessarily include a search of the invention embodied in the remaining Group. Thus, the simultaneous search for both Groups is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner.

In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for both Groups. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications in this case does not serve to promote the public interest because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected invention.

In summary, FIGS. 1-11 have been amended. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the restriction

requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 be withdrawn, that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered, and that all claims be allowed and the application pass to issue.

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Enclosure: Appendix - 5 replacement sheets of drawings

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APPENDIX

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached five sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1-11. In FIG. 9, shading lines have been added to curvations in #202. In FIGS. 1, 2, and 8-11, the shading has been corrected, in FIGS. 1 and 10, the structured line has been completed, and in FIGS. 1-11 the character of lines, numbers and letters have been made so as not to be pale/rough. These sheets which depict FIGS. 1-11 replace the original sheets depicting FIGS. 1-11.

Attachment: Five Replacement Drawing Sheets